

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An electrolyte layer for a fuel cell comprising:
a compact substrate through which passes a gas supplied to the
electrochemical reaction, wherein the substrate includes hydrogen-permeability;
a porous layer with fine pores that is formed on the substrate; and
an inorganic electrolyte supported in the pores, wherein the electrolyte
includes proton-conductivity and a solid acid.
- 2-4. (Canceled)
5. (Currently Amended) A fuel cell comprising:
an electrolyte layer for a fuel cell according to Claim 1, and
an electrode ~~adjacent-disposed~~ adjacent to the porous layer, on the side
opposite the substrate.
6. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an electrolyte layer for a
fuel cell, the method comprising:
preparing a compact substrate through which passes a gas supplied to the
electrochemical reaction; wherein the substrate includes hydrogen-permeability;
forming a porous layer with fine pores on the substrate; and
supporting an inorganic electrolyte in the pores, including:
introducing a solution of a solid acid into the pores of the porous layer,
and
drying the porous layer containing the solution,
wherein the electrolyte includes proton-conductivity.
- 7-8. (Canceled)

9. (New) The electrolyte layer for a fuel cell according to Claim 1, wherein the electrolyte further comprises palladium.

10. (New) The method of manufacturing an electrolyte layer for a fuel cell according to Claim 6, wherein the electrolyte further comprises palladium.